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Testimony for SUPPORT on HB2338, HD1			
RELATING TO THE STATE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY TESTING LABORATORY			
REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR			
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE			
Hearing Date:	3/1/2022	Room Number:	Video Conference

Fiscal Implications: This measure will appropriate \$400,000 from the state highway fund to the laboratory special fund for fiscal year 2022-2023, and authorizes the department of health to expend funds from the state drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory special fund for the establishment of the state drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory.

Department Testimony: The Department supports this measure. The funds will be expended for laboratory instrumentation, facility renovation, and security upgrades.

Offered Amendments: None.

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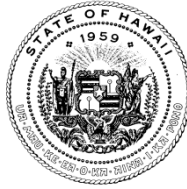
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9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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March 1, 2022
12:30 P.M.
State Capitol, Teleconference

H.B. 2338, H.D. 1
RELATING TO THE STATE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY TESTING
LABORATORY

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 2338, H.D. 1. This measure makes an appropriation from the state highway fund to the Department of Health's (DOH) state drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory special fund for fiscal year 2022-2023 and authorizes the DOH to expend funds from the special fund for the establishment of the state drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory.

Act 196, which passed into law last legislative session, established the special fund. This bill is need to appropriate moneys from the state highway fund into the state drug and alcohol testing laboratory special fund and provide spending authority to the DOH to establish the state drug and alcohol, and toxicology testing laboratory.

The DOT is primarily concerned about improving highway safety and protecting the lives of our community members and visitors. Having a drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory within our State will provide law enforcement and adjudicators with the resources they need to protect our public from impaired drivers.

The DOT urges your support with H.B. 2338, H.D. 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 28, 2022

Representative Sylvia Luke,
Chairperson and Committee Members
Committee on Finance
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RE: HOUSE BILL 2338, HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY
TESTING LABORATORY
HEARING DATE: March 1, 2022
TIME: 12:30 pm

Dear Representative Luke:

The Hawai'i Police Department **supports** House Bill 2338, HD1, with its purpose to appropriate funds from the state highway fund to the Department of Health's state drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory special fund for fiscal year 2022-2023. We also support the authorization of the Health Department to expend these special funds to establish a state drug and alcohol toxicology testing laboratory.

The Hawai'i Police Department recognizes the extreme importance in establishing the state drug and alcohol toxicology laboratory. House Bill 2338, HD1 provides the ability to conduct toxicology testing for drugs within the state, and would assure the timely receipt of those test results for court purposes. Currently, our department's only means of obtaining toxicology tests of alcohol concentration is through the City and County of Honolulu Emergency Services Laboratory. This bill would provide funding for and allow for additional resources to conduct testing.

It is for these reasons, we urge this committee to approve this legislation. Thank you for allowing the Hawai'i Police Department to provide comments relating to House Bill 2338, HD1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul K. Ferreira".

PAUL K. FERREIRA
POLICE CHIEF



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March 1, 2022

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

From: Kurt Kendro, Chair, Public Policy Committee; Mothers Against Drunk Driving
(MADD) Hawaii

Re: House Bill 2338, HD-1, RELATING TO THE STATE DRUG AND ALCOHOL
TOXICOLOGY TESTING LABORATORY

I am Kurt Kendro, Chair of MADD Hawaii's Public Policy Committee and retired Major from the Honolulu Police Department speaking on behalf of the members of MADD Hawaii Advisory Board in STRONG SUPPORT of House Bill 2338, HD-1.

Of the 50 states, Hawaii is the only state that does not have a State Drug and Alcohol Toxicology laboratory. This type of laboratory is essential to successfully prosecute offenders who are arrested for Operating a Vehicle under the Influence of an Intoxicant. Currently, if an offender is believed to be driving under the influence of drugs, a mainland company must test the blood or urine for the presence of drugs. Witnesses must then be brought to Hawaii to testify to successfully prosecute the offender.

The efforts to establish a drug lab in Hawaii has been going on for years, and passage of this bill will help make our roadways safer for everyone.

MADD Hawaii STRONGLY SUPPORTS House Bill 2338, HD-1, and ask that this bill be passed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.